

SENATE BILL 2630  
By Haynes

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 50, Part 1, relative to educational requirements for certain public employees.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 50, Part 1, is amended by adding a new section thereto, as follows:

Section \_\_\_\_\_. (a) Any employee of the state of Tennessee who does not have a high school degree or its equivalent and who is transferred or assigned to another position which requires a high school degree or its equivalent shall be entitled to receive educational training at no expense to such employee. The educational training shall prepare such employees to take and successfully complete the required examinations to obtain a general equivalency diploma (G.E.D.). Such educational training shall be conducted during the hours prescribed by § 4-4-105. During such training employees shall receive such employees' regular salary and benefits, including any applicable longevity pay pursuant to § 8-23-206. Whenever practicable, the educational training shall be conducted at the site where such employees are normally stationed. The educational training shall not be outside a twenty-five (25) mile radius of where an employee is normally stationed.

(b) An employee shall be entitled to additional educational training after failing to pass the examinations necessary to receive a general equivalency diploma (G.E.D.); provided, that no employee shall be entitled to educational training after failing the required examinations on two (2) different attempts.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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